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THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 17, 1920.

*"Is better to have loved and lost than never to have  
loved at all.—Tennyson.*COAL EXPORTS AND THE DOMESTIC  
SUPPLY.

FUEL supply conditions are so bad in so many places  
that it is quite possible that export of coal will be stop-  
ped as one of the remedies in spite of the fact that there is  
grave doubt that there is legal authority for such a step.  
There are more ways of preventing coal from going abroad  
than by formally interdicting such traffic and if the powers  
that be at Washington come to the conclusion that stopping  
exports will help mend a domestic situation that is really  
alarming it is practically certain that exports will be shut  
off.

And if that does happen it will be one more direct injury  
to the coal mining industry for which it can thank the col-  
lapse of the transportation system of the country, particu-  
larly the railroads. If the railroads could furnish cars  
enough and transportation enough the present export busi-  
ness in coal could be expanded a great deal without in any  
way injuring domestic consumers. American mines have  
produced about 13,000,000 tons of coal per week over a  
twelve-month period. They did that in 1918. Production  
this year, according to the figures of the Geological Survey,  
has been about 10,000,000 tons per week. The daily  
average production for the present year, according to the  
same authority, has been 1,651,000 tons as compared with  
1,785,796 for the same period of 1918. The total pro-  
duction of soft coal for the present calendar year is 16-  
600,000 tons behind that for 1918.

For this falling off the railroads are solely responsible,  
and in view of this it may be doubted seriously that to shut  
off exports would in any way help the domestic situation.  
Indeed it is conceivable that with the railroads unable to  
do any better than they are doing now the shutting off of  
the short haul to tidewater from the coal exporting regions  
would so curtail production that the mines would lose much  
of their labor. As it is work conditions at the mines are  
so bad that it is with considerable difficulty that operators  
can keep forces on hand large enough to run their mines  
when they do get a few cars.

## THE OILY CROWN.

WHO is going to be Ruler of Oil? The United  
States or Great Britain? That is an important  
question today. It is going to grow in importance day by  
day, for the deepest and clearest thinkers in governments  
and business are agreed that the world is upon the threshold  
of oil fuel supremacy.

Chairman A. C. Bedford, of Standard Oil, told the  
Foreign Trade convention at San Francisco, "We are at  
last seeing what the British have recognized—that the coun-  
try which controls the petroleum supply will control the  
trade of the world."

Sir Auckland Geddes, the new British ambassador to  
America, believes Great Britain plays but a small part in  
the oil fields of the world. In a speech before the "Pil-  
grims" in New York, he said:

"England is not striving to get monopolistic control of  
oil. Her companies are active. Fair competition is no  
crime, and it will be all for the good of every one if we  
have free competition in connection with this important,  
this vital substance."

Geddes called attention to the fact that "seventy per cent

of the present oil production of the world comes from the  
United States, sixteen per cent from Mexico, and of that  
American controls three-fourths."

He said Great Britain, from the whole British empire,  
only gets 2 1/2 per cent of the world's supply; that Ameri-  
can capital controls 82 per cent.

Of course, he was speaking of developed oil fields, of  
flowing wells. The point to be driven home to Americans,  
however, is this:

Who is going to control the oil fields of the future, the  
fields now undeveloped, which the drill has not touched,  
but which will, some day, abound in wealth-producing,  
commerce-driving, navy-flooding, gushers of oil? When  
those, now undeveloped, fields come into existence, it is  
probable that the present American fields will be "dry."

It is true, as Geddes says, America wears the oily crown  
today. But isn't it also true that the wearer of the crown  
years hence will be the nation now branching into new  
fields, where unmeasured stores of oil flow concealed far  
below the earth's surface?

## THE NEW EUROPEAN POWER.

THE only organization at all comparable to the Inter-  
allied commission which has been set up in the treaty  
with Turkey for the management of Constantinople and  
the Dardanelles is the European Danube commission which  
was one of the results of the Crimean war. Previous to  
the Crimean war Russia had held the mouths of that fam-  
ous stream and had permitted navigation to become so dan-  
gerous that the condition of the stream was a matter of  
considerable concern to the people further up. As control  
of the mouths was to pass to Turkey, which country it was  
anticipated would be even less careful to keep the channels  
open and lighthouses in operation, the treaty of Paris of  
1856 created the Danube commission. It had considerable  
power from the start and was so successful that its authority  
was increased until it became almost a state in itself. It  
levies taxes, fixes river tolls, even has judicial powers and  
a flag of its own. It is independent of local power and  
enjoys complete neutralization of its property and of its  
personnel.

It has had some friction with the governments of the  
countries through which the Danube flows, but it has been  
managed with conspicuous success and has carried on the  
work under its supervision much better than it would have  
been carried on under local authority. Doubtless that is  
due entirely to the fact that it has been free from the in-  
fluences of politics. There is no reason to doubt that the  
Government of the Straits will be any the less successful,  
and the people in this country who are sure there can be  
no efficient and capable international government had bet-  
ter be a bit cautious before they begin to bark at it.

Thomas R. Marshall, of Indiana, does something  
every once in awhile to remind the public that he is  
the vice president of the United States, but his latest  
stunt is distinctly off color. He is reported to have  
wired his "sincere sympathy" to Calvin Coolidge. The  
action does credit to his political judgment. It is a wise  
vice president who knows six months before the election  
who his successor is going to be. But it is scarcely a  
credit to his reputation as a wit. Marshall has had  
what the late Colonel Roosevelt would have called a  
bully time as the presiding officer of the senate, and has  
grown in the affections and esteem of his fellow citizens  
the while. To commiserate with a man who is about to  
step into such a position is either to disclose undue am-  
bition or betray a lack of gratitude.

Alexander Howatt, who told the American Federation  
of Labor yesterday that he defied the governor of Kan-  
sas to enforce the court of industrial relations act, has  
got to the point where he is doing the cause of labor,  
a great deal of positive harm. When any man, labor  
leader or leader of finance, gets into the frame of mind  
where he thinks he can ignore law and defy authority  
there is only one course for society to pursue and that  
is to smash him. And it always does it. In taking the  
stand he does Howatt is not merely defying a statute, he  
is getting in the way of an operation of a natural law.

George Cushing, managing director of the American  
Wholesale Coal association, told the City club of Wash-  
ington last night that the policy we are pursuing in  
this country is to pare down business to fit the rail-  
roads rather than to equip the roads to take care of  
the business. That is a very apposite statement of the  
case. The public is interested because the process of  
whittling down business involves checking the wave of  
prosperity which the country has been enjoying and  
ought to continue to enjoy for years to come. The rail-  
roads are starved because there is not enough broad  
thinking in this country, thinking that can reach be-  
yond the immediate problem and realize in advance its  
application upon the economic situation of the country  
as a whole.

The newspapers are beginning to fill up with specu-  
lation as to whether the Democratic platform will be  
wet and wide open or otherwise. There is not much  
need for worry along that line. Brother Bryan will be  
on hand and he will be both as powerful and as dry as  
ever—much to the grief of many of the members of the  
party, no doubt.

had to throw it out. Which, but not  
a soul exceedingly.

## Peggy Gets A New Dress.

You all know Peggy—or wouldn't  
take space here to tell you about her  
nice new summer dress which arrived  
yesterday. Peggy in plain English  
has been clipped. All but her tail.  
Which waves to and fro like a palm  
leaf fan. Peggy also reminds you of  
a chipmunk when she stands still  
for ashamed inspection. When the  
thing happened she was most alarm-  
ed and as the clipping progressed she  
looked up into our faces with tears  
in her eyes. "Can't you see," she  
plainly said, "that you're ruining me  
forever! I won't be able to appear in  
public for weeks!" When the job was  
done she crawled immediately under  
the walk in the backyard where she  
remained all evening. She stayed  
there most of the night. In the  
morning she was so hungry and  
thirsty she was compelled to come  
out and when she walked up the steps  
into the house she walked sideways  
and tried to blow in—her tail lying  
spread out flat on top her back to  
hide all of her it possibly could. She  
isn't used to herself yet and when  
company comes she refuses to come  
out from under the couch.

## Patter-batter.

The rain last night did everything  
and everybody worlds of good. All  
along the street sat ferns and hang-  
ing baskets and potted plants where  
their owners had placed them for  
a good rain meal. There's no substi-  
tute for rain. Like mother's milk it  
can't be duplicated. The thunder and  
lightening frightened the usual num-  
ber of people but when it ceased  
operation and a steady, hard down-  
pour began, folks settled down in  
their beds and enjoyed a furious  
rain concert with each musical num-  
ber surpassing the one before it.  
There is no sound in the summer time  
equal to that of rain beating rhythm-  
ically on broad leaves. Patter, patter,  
patter says the rain to the tune of the  
wind and everybody loves to hear it.

## FARMINGTON

From Toledo.  
Bernard Hagerty has returned from  
Toledo, Ohio, where he went with  
Carl Hearty of Fairmont, and drove  
back a new Overland motor car for  
Mr. Beatty.

Has Measles.  
Elizabeth Vargo, daughter of Mr.  
and Mrs. John Vargo, is confined to  
her home in West Farmington with  
the measles.

Last of Serial.  
Tonight the last of the serial, "The  
Invisible Hand" featuring Antonio  
Moreno will be shown at the Lyric  
besides the feature.

New Clerk.  
Leonard Conaway is clerking in  
Squire Toothman's hardware store.  
Mr. Conaway is the smallest clerk in  
town.

Mrs. Shucks Dead.  
The funeral of Mrs. Lulu Shucks,  
aged 32 years, who died at her home  
here Saturday, after an illness of tu-  
berculosis, was held Monday after-

noon. Burial was made in the Pyles  
cemetery. Mrs. Shucks was the  
daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wil-  
liam Pyles.

Visiting Here.  
Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Williamson, of  
Whitely, Pa., were visiting Mr. and  
Mrs. J. A. Reese here Tuesday even-  
ing.

New Schedule.  
One new train stops here since the  
B. and O. railroad has revised its

schedule. This being train No. 55  
bound for Wheeling and stops here at  
1:57 o'clock in the afternoon. The  
new schedule is quite an improve-  
ment over the old schedule, at least  
for Farmington anyway. The sched-  
ule: Train No. 53 to Wheeling due  
7:39 a. m.; train No. 54 to Grafton,  
due 10:25 a. m.; train No. 55 to Wheel-  
ing, due 1:57 p. m.; train No. 52 to  
Grafton, due 4:15 p. m.; train No. 51  
to Wheeling, due 6:42 p. m.

Personals.  
Mrs. L. N. Whitlatch and children

were shopping in Martinsburg Mon-  
day.  
Mr. and Mrs. Rhoads and Mrs.  
Beatrice Fisher were visiting friends  
at Hoodsville Sunday.  
Charles Davis was a visitor in Fair-  
mont Tuesday.  
Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Rhoads, of Cal-  
olina, were in town Tuesday.  
Miss Muriel Osborne was visiting  
Mrs. Walter Shingleton here yester-  
day.

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ate prices we ask.

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## RUFF STUFF

Lamp in the local news sheets that  
they are going to separate the freight  
stations here soon.

That'll be a great improvement  
from the railroad standpoint.

Will increase the alibis by 100 per  
cent.

Priest stopped a wedding in a  
historic New Orleans cathedral be-  
cause he thought the bride was im-  
modestly attired.

Young woman had actually started  
up the main aisle before her plans  
came to smash.

Maybe someone trained a search  
light on her from the rear.

Mitch Palmer is going to the San  
Francisco convention.

Probably with the idea of having  
the delegates all pinched for reds or  
some other high crime if they nomi-  
nate some other guy.

They are going in for wrestling  
down at the university.

Probably so that the studs can  
have regular practice at shouting—

"Hold 'em West Virginia."

Japs now announce that they put  
the clause into the Anglo-Jap alliance  
which would enable the English to  
stay out of any row between Japan  
and the United States.

Wonder what they are after now?

If they are not in a big hurry they  
had better wait until after the elec-  
tion.

## Evening Chat

The vote of California is too im-  
portant these days to make any one  
want to get caught doing favors for  
the Japs.

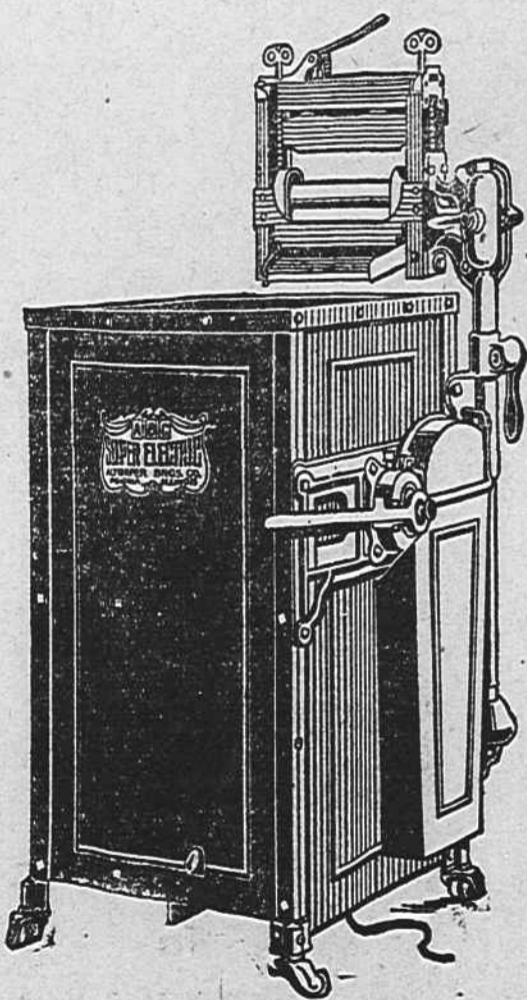
The Sugar Situation.  
The sugar situation is deplorable  
today and all grocers who bought yester-  
day at Stevensons' paid 27 cents  
a pound according to report of a well  
known firm here. That means we pay  
30 cents and Heaven only knows  
when this thing will come to an end.  
There won't be any fruit canned—it's  
safe to bet on that and there won't  
be any promiscuous candy making  
by the young folks nor any extrava-  
gant sugaring of berries and other  
things at the table. I truly believe  
we'll have to pass the sugar in the  
small envelopes some of the restaur-  
ants and hotels use. The sugar  
shaker isn't meeting the situation so  
I can't advise that. This week I've  
been watching a number of persons  
at lunch where the shakers were  
used and each and every person shook  
and shook and shook that sugar bell  
until the desired amount ran into  
the ice tea glass or whatever was to  
be sweetened. People aren't going to  
economize on sugar in a public place  
at all.

I Had An Aunt.  
Two weeks ago I spent the day in  
Washington, D. C., and in a cafeteria  
where one helps himself I watched  
seven women put sugar on various  
articles. Everyone of them took  
spoon after spoon filled to overflow-  
ing until I fairly gasped at the awful  
waste. No wonder people have trouble  
with their insides! Those women put  
enough sugar into themselves to  
have served a family of three for a  
week. Some people simply don't  
know how to economize—unless it is  
sauce remained untouched. I finally

with something they themselves  
have had to pay dear for. Then you'll  
find them penurious enough. I re-  
member once an Aunt I had. I may  
have her yet though so many years  
have passed without word or sign  
from her that I'm not sure. She was  
very fond of popcorn with plenty of  
melted butter and I frequently spent  
the day with her. I was very young  
and very fond of popping corn and  
permission was always given me to  
do so—from the furnace door in the  
cellar—with the express stipulation  
that I use no butter, merely salt.  
How dry the nice white popcorn  
tasted. And how my aunt disliked it  
batterless. But she wouldn't allow  
me to use any butter because she felt  
it was needless extravagance. Though  
she never failed to use plenty when  
she came to our house. People are  
oftentimes like that about more im-  
portant things than popcorn.

Unrefined Sugar.  
I bought a new kind of sugar last  
week which tasted alright and served  
the purpose very well but which was  
a dirty color making one wonder  
whether or not it was actually sani-  
tary. I apologized for it at the dinner  
table and a friend of mine who was  
there remarked that it was merely  
"unrefined sugar." I agreed with her.  
It was so unrefined it was positively  
vulgar. It cost 25 cents a pound too.

I Hope It's Gone.  
Is the corn sugar still with us? I  
bought a pound of that recently and  
as no-one would eat it because of a  
bitterness which couldn't be elimi-  
nated no matter how much one took,  
I tried putting it little at a time in  
sauce. I wore a very charming face  
at the table when that sauce was  
served, keeping up an incessant chat-  
ter with the object in view of getting  
that sauce down the throats of my  
family without their discovering that  
sugar. It wasn't a bit of use.  
"What's wrong with this stuff?"  
they very impolitely remarked. "It's  
spotted or something!" And the  
sauce remained untouched. I finally



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